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DATE: March 18, 2016
TO: Interested Land Owners and Land Managers
FROM: KariLyn Merlos, Acting Chief, Department of Environmental Health
Community Health Division

FY2016/17 FUNDING FOR VECTOR HABITAT REMEDIATION PROGRAM

The County of San Diego is seeking grant applications for projects to be funded under the Competitive Grant program of the Vector Habitat Remediation Program. Projects funded under this request for grant applications will focus on comprehensive solutions for source reduction of mosquito breeding habitat through physical modification in mosquito breeding problem areas. These projects may involve a variety of activities, such as modifying tidal flow in lagoons, management of stream discharge, manipulation of stormwater retention time, vegetation removal, and wetland restoration/redesign. Project applicants must demonstrate that projects will be carried out in a manner that complies with land use regulations and applicable local, state, and federal wetland and endangered species regulations, and that minimize adverse effects on protected species and habitats.

Projects eligible for funding include “turn-key” projects, i.e. projects in which all permitting and environmental compliance has been completed and project is ready for implementation, or “study and turn-key” projects which will include planning and permitting activities necessary prior to project implementation and implementation. In addition, project applicants can submit proposals for “assistance” projects in which the applicant requests County involvement for any aspect of implementation, including but not limited to, permitting, coordination with regulatory agencies, developing project plans, vegetation removal, and other related activities.

Multiple projects may be funded under this Grant Program. An individual project cannot exceed \$500,000 during this funding period.

The County will accept proposals only for sites within San Diego County, including within incorporated cities. Federal and Tribal lands are excluded, because those lands do not pay the assessment that funds this program. Proposals may be submitted by property owners, designated land managers, or other entities or individuals authorized by the owner or land manager.

The grant submission application with an attached conceptual proposal is due to the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health by 4:00 p.m. PST on April 15, 2016. If the conceptual proposal is determined to be viable, a subsequent detailed proposal is due by 4:00 p.m. PST on June 20, 2016. All questions or inquiries should be directed to Mr. Daniel Valdez at Daniel.Valdez@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 688-3722, County of San Diego, Department Environmental Health, 5570 Overland Avenue, Suite 102, San Diego, CA 92123.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment 1 – Vector Habitat Remediation Program Overview and Instructions
Attachment 2 – Grant Submission Form
Attachment 3 – Sample Agreement